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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the
YEAR 1957

Cwmnamman Urban District Council,
Council Offices,
GLANAMMAN.
Ammanford.
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A N N U A L R E P O R T

for the Year 1957

To the Chairman and Members of the Cwmaman Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my sixth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

I am pleased to report that it was again a good year for health in the area apart from the mild epidemic of influenza which was general throughout the country.

There was a further slight drop in the population and the birth rate but the death rate was lower than that for the County.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Public Health Inspector for his ready co-operation and assistance and also other Members of the Staff and the Council for their continued interest and support in the work of the Health Department.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Gladys M. Herbert.
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year 1937

To the Chairman and Members of the Oswego Local Health Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I am pleased to present to you this Annual Report for the

year ending 31st December, 1937.

I am pleased to report that it was again a good year for health in the area under the jurisdiction of this Council which was carried out without any serious epidemic.

There was a further slight drop in the population and the birth rate was lower than that for the County.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Public Health Officers and other staff for their work in the year 1937 and also other staff for their work in the year 1936.

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Your obedient servant,

Clayton M. Roberts.

M.D. & B.Sc. (Hlth.)

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of District	...	...	...	...	...	756 Acres.
The Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population for 1957			...	...	...	4,290.
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book	...	...	...	...	...	1,374.
Number of Council Houses completed during the year					...	12.
Product of a Penny Rate	£91. 13s. 0d.
Rateable Value	£25,578.

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VITAL STATISTICSLIVE BIRTHS

There were 49 births during the year compared with 50 last year.

	Male	Female	TOTAL
Legitimate	29	20	49
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	20	49

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population -

for Cwmamman Urban District	-	11.42
for Carmarthenshire	-	13.79
for England and Wales	-	16.1

STILL BIRTHS

This year there were 5 Still Births compared with 2 last year, so the still birth rate is very high.

	Male	Female	TOTAL
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	3	5

The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births -

for Cwmamman Urban District	-	92.59
for Carmarthenshire	-	29.32
for England and Wales	-	22.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

It is gratifying to report again this year that there were no Maternal Deaths resulting from Pregnancy or Childbirth.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthen -shire	England and Wales
No. of Deaths	0	0	
Rate per 1,000 total Births	0	0	0.47

INFANT MORTALITY

There was only one infant death during the year, a male of two weeks with a congenital malformation who died in hospital. The Infant Mortality Rate was lower than the figure for England and Wales, which again reached a new low record.

	Cwmnamman U.D.	Carmarthen -shire	England & Wales
Deaths under 4 weeks	20.41	20.43	
Deaths under 1 year	20.41	29.8	23.0

DEATHS

There was a decrease in the number of deaths during the year making the death rate lower than that for the County.

Male	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Female	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
										<u>57</u>

Of these 57 deaths, 21 male and 21 female were over 65 years of age, that is 77% of the total deaths.

36 - 17 male and 19 female, that is 63%, were over 70 years

24 - 9 male and 15 female were over 75, over 42% of the deaths

10 - 5 male and 5 female were over 80, nearly 9% of all the deaths.

The Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population -

for Cwmnamman U.D.	-	13.29
for Carmarthenshire	-	13.72
for England and Wales	-	11.5

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE

DISEASE	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	0	0
Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Measles	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0
Cancer	6	2
Diabetes	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	5	9
Coronary Disease	6	0
Other Heart Disease	2	8
Other Circulatory Disease	1	2
Influenza	1	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Bronchitis	2	0
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0
Congenital Malformations	1	0
Other Ill-defined Diseases	1	3
Motor Accidents	0	0
Other Accidents	0	1
ALL CAUSES	30	27

INFANT MORTALITY

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Infant Mortality Rate	England and Wales	Great Britain	U.S.A.
1 week	20.4	20.4	20.4
1 year	20.4	20.4	20.4

DEATHS

There was a decrease in the number of deaths during the year making the death rate lower than that for the County.

Male	20
Female	27
Total	47

Of these 47 deaths, 21 were male and 26 female were over 15 years of age, that is 75% of the total deaths.

- 26 - 17 male and 9 female, that is 55%, were over 15 years
- 21 - 9 male and 12 female were over 15, over 45% of the deaths
- 10 - 5 male and 5 female were over 50, nearly 21% of all the deaths.

The Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population -

for England and Wales	11.5
for Great Britain	13.75
for U.S.A.	15.20

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE

DISEASE	MALE	FEMALE
Other Accidents	0	1
Motor Accidents	0	0
Other Ill-defined Diseases	1	3
Congenital Malformations	1	0
Hypertension of the Arteries	1	0
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	1
Bronchitis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Influenza	1	0
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	2
Other Heart Diseases	2	8
Coronary Disease	2	0
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2	0
Diabetes	1	2
Cancer	6	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0
Measles	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0
Other Infectious Diseases	0	0
Pharyngitis - Respiratory	0	0
Pharyngitis - Non-Respiratory	0	0
All Causes	20	27

DEATH RATES per 1,000 estimated population.

DISEASE	Cwmaman U.D. 1956	Cwmaman U.D. 1957	Carmarthen -shire
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	0.46)	0.0)	0.11
Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory	0.0)	0.0)	0.04
Diphtheria	.00	.00	.00
Poliomyelitis	.00	.00	.
Cancer	2.31	1.86	2.0
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2.83	3.26	
Coronary Disease	2.83	1.39	
Other Heart Disease	2.31	2.33	
Other Circulatory Diseases	0.92	0.69	
Influenza	0.00	0.23	
Pneumonia	0.46	0.0	
Bronchitis	0.69	0.69	
Other Respiratory Diseases	1.38	0.93	
Other Ill-defined Diseases	1.15	0.93	
Motor Accidents	0.69	0.0	
Other Accidents	0.46	0.23	
ALL CAUSES	15.74	13.29	13.58

DEATHS FROM CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer was less than last year, 8 compared with 10 in 1956.

Male - 6, Female - 2. Total - 8.

This year there were two deaths from cancer of the lung, males aged 55 and 64 years.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER

CAUSE	45 - 50		50 - 55		55 - 65		65 - 70		75 - 80		TOTAL
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Lung and Bronchus			1		1						2
Stomach										1	1
Other Sites					1				1		2
Pancreas							1				1
Bladder							1				1
Cervix		1									1
TOTAL	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	8

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Received from A. B.		50.00	
	Mar 1	Received from C. D.		25.00	
	Apr 1	Received from E. F.		75.00	
	May 1	Received from G. H.		100.00	
	Jun 1	Received from I. J.		150.00	
	Jul 1	Received from K. L.		200.00	
	Aug 1	Received from M. N.		250.00	
	Sep 1	Received from O. P.		300.00	
	Oct 1	Received from Q. R.		350.00	
	Nov 1	Received from S. T.		400.00	
	Dec 1	Received from U. V.		450.00	
	Total			2000.00	

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS
DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

Apart from the epidemic of influenza, very few cases of infectious diseases occurred during the year and only seven cases were notified (six cases of puerperal pyrexia at the Hospital and one case of Measles).

The influenza outbreak first affected school children in the area in September and then spread to the general population. Tests proved that the causative organism was the Asian strain of the influenza virus which had spread to this country from the Far East. The illness proved to be a mild type and caused only one death in the area.

DISEASES	Notification Received			
	Cwmaman 1956	Carmarthenshire 1956	Cwmaman 1957	Carmarthenshire 1957
Puerperal Pyrexia	10	18	6	10
Enteric or Typhoid	1	1	0	2
Whooping Cough	1	227	0	137
Measles	0	0	1	122
Food Poisoning	1	7	0	12
Post infectious encephalitis	1	1	0	
TOTAL	14	254	7	

FOOD POISONING

No cases were notified in the area during the year.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATIONS

DIPHTHERIA

For at least ten years no diphtheria has occurred in the area and no case was notified in the County but a reminder is required that the disease might recur in this district if a high level of immunity is not maintained in children. Parents should therefore ensure that their own children are protected by obtaining the necessary inoculations from their family doctor or at the Infant Welfare Clinic which is held on alternate Wednesday afternoons at Bethesda Chapel Vestry from 2 - 4 p.m.

During 1957 29 children under 5 years of age received combined inoculations against diphtheria and whooping cough. No booster doses were given.

In addition, a number of infants were vaccinated against smallpox by their family doctor or at the Clinic. Separate figures for Cwmaman are not available but in the whole County 1,027 infants, estimated as 43.72% of the total births registered for the year received this vaccination. This compares with 908 or 40% for the previous year.

BCG. Vaccination.

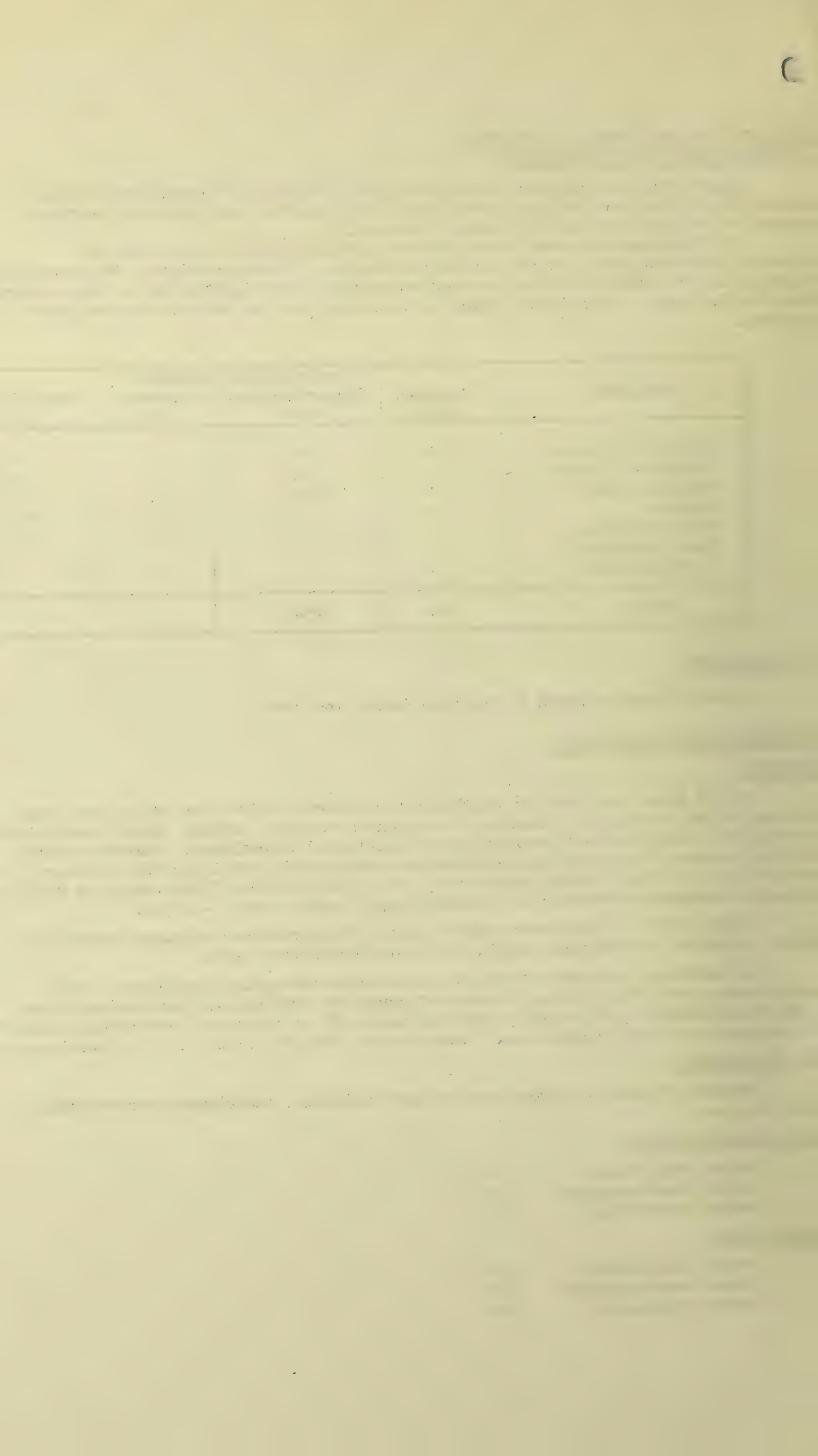
Separate figures for this area are not available, the figures for the whole County are ---

School Children Scheme

Number skin tested	132
Number found negative	113
Number vaccinated	113

Contact Scheme

Number skin tested	1,121
Number found negative	626
Number vaccinated	297



IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS (Continued).

No case of poliomyelitis was notified in the district during the year and only 4 cases were notified in the County. Vaccination of children in specified age groups was carried out by the County Public Health Staff.

Children given the full course of two injections	7,653
Children given one injection	1,717.

TUBERCULOSIS

Only 3 new cases were notified during the year, 2 male and one female; all suffering from respiratory disease. The 3 patients were admitted to hospital for treatment. The previous year there were 7 cases, 5 respiratory and 2 non-respiratory.

Classification in Age Groups of New Cases Notified.

AGE	Respiratory	
	Male	Female
15 - 20	1	0
20 - 25	0	1
25 - 30	1	0
TOTAL	2	1

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from this disease during the year.

Case and Death Rates from Tuberculosis

	Case Rates 1956	Death Rates 1956	Case Rates 1957	Death Rates 1957
<u>Cwmnamman Urban District</u>				
Respiratory	1.11	0.46	0.69	0
Non-Respiratory	0.45		0	0
<u>Carmarthenshire</u>				
Respiratory	0.31	0.13	0.92	0.11
Non-Respiratory	0.17		0.12	0.04

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Unit did not visit the area during the year but there is a static unit station at Trinity Place, Swansea, with daily sessions for the general public each afternoon Monday to Friday inclusive.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was required under this section as one elderly woman who was in need of care and attention agreed to voluntary admission.

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SANITARY ADMINISTRATIONWATER SUPPLY

The supply of water in the district was, throughout the year, plentiful, as, when the local sources of supply at Glyndraenog and Cwmpedol did not yield sufficient, the deficiency was supplied by the Loughor Joint Water Board, a bulk supply arrangement being in operation. The chlorination plant has worked satisfactorily, frequent samples being sent for bacteriological examination so as to safeguard the health of consumers. Samples are submitted regularly for chemical analysis, and results are uniformly good.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The sewers have worked satisfactorily throughout the year. The system is by gravitation to disposal works at Pantyffynnon, which works are under the control of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board. There is no question that the sewers are sufficiently large to deal adequately with the needs of the district.

RIVERS POLLUTION

No serious pollution of rivers and streams in the area has occurred. The South West Wales Rivers Board is the rivers pollution authority for the area. Such pollution as there is in existence is a result of coal-mining effluents being discharged into the streams without having had sufficient time for settlement of suspended matter. The Rivers Board is watching the position carefully.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The statistics in this matter are as follows :-

Number of houses with Closets on the Water Carriage System connected to Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	1,265.
Number of Houses with Closets on the Water Carriage System connected to Cesspits, remaining to be connected to Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.
Number of Houses with Closets built on the Conservancy System, not able to connect to Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	27.
Number of Houses remaining to be connected	...	...	...	...	...	18.

PUBLIC CLEANSING - DRY REFUSE

The Council undertakes the removal of all Dry Refuse, collection being made by the Council Lorry twice weekly from all parts of the district. The Refuse when collected, is tipped at Neuadd Farm and Penybont. In my opinion, steps should be taken to enforce the provision by householders of proper dustbins, as all kinds of insanitary receptacles are now used. It has always been the exception to see a proper covered dustbin in the streets of the district, all kinds of boxes, tins and buckets being used for the purpose. Under the provisions of Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the provision of a proper covered dustbin can be enforced.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Number of Inspections made for Nuisance	...	...	...	161.
Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	42.
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	1.
Number of Water Leakage Inspections	...	...	...	217.
Number of Water Leakage Notices	...	...	...	74.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council Houses found to be infested	...	...	NIL.
Number of other houses found to be infested	...	...	NIL.
Number of houses disinfested	...	...	NIL.

SCHOOLS

There are three schools in the area, and frequent visits are paid to them. The sanitary condition of the Schools is excellent, each being provided with modern sanitary conveniences connected to the Sewers, and with an abundant supply of water from the Council's mains.



SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL AUTHORITY

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area, nor are there any Registered Houses let in lodgings.

HOUSING

Inspection of houses during the year :-

1. (a)	Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects under Public Health or Housing Act	...	...	64.
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	72.
2.	Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	NIL.
3.	Number of Houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation	...	...	14.

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice -

Number of Defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	4.
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Action under Statutory Powers during the Year -

(a)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-			
(1)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring Defects to be remedied	...		NIL.
(2)	Number of Dwelling Houses which were made fit after Service of Formal Notice	...	...	NIL.
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Act :-			
(1)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...		19.
(2)	Number of Dwelling Houses in which Defects were remedied after Service of Formal Notice	...	...	11.
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-			
	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	NIL.

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV. Overcrowding :-

(a)	(1)	Number of Houses Overcrowded at the end of the year	...	20.
	(2)	Number of Families Dwelling therein	...	41.
	(3)	Number of Persons Dwelling there	...	205.
	(4)	Number of Houses occupied for the first time during 1957	...	16.
(b)		Number of new cases of Overcrowding reported during the year		NIL.
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year		11.
	(2)	Number of Families Dwelling therein	...	12.

Good progress is still being made with the provision of new houses.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Since the decontrol of the meat trade two slaughterhouses have been licensed, and a certain amount of meat is brought into the district, being purchased from wholesalers in other districts. The quality of the meat exposed for sale is excellent. All foods exposed for sale are regularly examined so as to protect the public from the consumption of any unwholesome products.

BAKEHOUSES

Number of Bakehouses on the Register	...	...	...	3.
Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	12.



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of houses fumigated after cases of Infectious Diseases

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CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE

Work has continued on the control of the rat population, the added powers given to Local Authorities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts being of particular value.

Financial assistance is still given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and, while this continued, work can be carried on without too great a financial burden being carried by the rates.

Large numbers of rats are destroyed by following up complaints received from householders.

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS

<u>Nature of Trade</u>		<u>Number of Inspections</u>
(a) Butchers Shops	6.	226.
(b) Grocers & Provisions	9.	47.
(c) General Shops	14.	57.
(d) Milk Retailers	3.	18.
(e) Ice Cream Premises	7.	84.
(f) Cooked Meats	4.	Included in (a) above.

In all cases the occupiers have made every effort to comply with all requests made by the Public Health Inspector. Structurally all premises are in good condition, and they are kept in a clean and wholesome condition.

The products exposed for sale are uniformly of high quality, and will bear comparison with goods displayed in any other district.

All in all the position as regards food premises can be said to be quite satisfactory.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of houses visited after cases of infectious diseases

CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE

Work has continued on the control of the rat population, the effort being given to local authorities under the supervision of teams of rats being carried out. Financial assistance is still given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and, while this continued, work can be carried on without too great financial burden being caused by the rates. Large numbers of rats are destroyed by following up complaints received from householders.

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS

<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Nature of Premises</u>
235	(a) Butchers Shops
47	(b) Grocers & Provisioners
27	(c) General Shops
18	(d) Milk Parlours
2	(e) Ice Cream Premises
1	(f) Confectionery
Included in (a) above.	

In all cases the proprietors have made every effort to comply with all requests made by the Public Health Inspector. Satisfactorily all premises are in good condition, and they are kept in a clean and wholesome condition. The products exposed for sale are uniformly of high quality, and will bear comparison with goods displayed in any other district.

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